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The House met at 4:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEBSTER of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 15, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL WEBSTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask Your blessing upon our Nation. Bless the work of the Members of the people's House. May they toil diligently to bring about solutions to the pressing issues of these times.

Bless all the men and women across our country, especially those who work in service to others: police; firefighters; healthcare providers; teachers; those who work in local, State, and national government; and those men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

During contentious days, may Your spirit of peace and comity descend upon all engaged, that the truth might be revealed and justice and good government for all be preserved.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DUNN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DUNN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING GEORGE COCHRAN

(Mr. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George "Boogie" Cochran, Jr., who passed away peacefully at the age of 89 on March 1.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Cochran lived a life in full, one of family and of service.

As a 17-year-old Leon High School student, he enlisted in the Navy in 1944. He served bravely aboard Navy destroyers in the Pacific campaigns. He participated in America's nuclear weapons testing after the war, and in the action surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis.

In 1963, in recognition of his dedicated and courageous service in the Navy, Chief Cochran was awarded the first annual Commander Ernest Evans Memorial Award aboard the USS Johnston.

He loved his family, his country, and his community. He represents the best of America.

Boogie, you will be missed by many, and may you rest in peace.

OPPOSING THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, my constituents have been calling all weekend. They do not support the Republican health care bill, TrumpCare.

Over the weekend, we received 750 calls or emails. Ninety-three percent of those have contacted me to say that they are against TrumpCare, and here is why:

Higher costs for less care; \$2,400 annually for an average American family.

Millions kicked off health care. The Congressional Budget Office says 24 million. Some might say they are way off. So maybe it is 20 million. Maybe it is 30 million. Lots of Americans lose health care as a result of this plan.

An age tax. If you are age 50 to 65, fasten your seat belts; \$6,971 in increased costs for lesser health care.

And huge, huge tax breaks for millionaires. The 400 richest Americans would get an average \$7 million tax break.

This is not the right direction for this country. It is not the right direction for health care. We should reject it.

RECOGNIZING SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN, POLICE OFFICERS

(Mr. MITCHELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an act of bravery from police officers in an incident occurring just miles from my district office in Shelby Township, Michigan.

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